generally functioning satisfactorily. However, there have been instances of interruption in the transmission from this transmitter on account of power supply failure and other technical/faults. Whereas temporary interruptions in the transmission occur each time the source of supply is shifted from the mains to the diesel generator and vice-versa, technical faults in the transmitter equipment are attended to promptly to ensure normal functioning.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Dibrugarh Radio Station

4744. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to upgrade the present Dibrugarh Radio Station;

(b) if so by when it is likely to be completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) The present AIR transmitter at Dibrugarh was upgraded from 100 KW to 300 KW and commissioned in 1988. Since the maximum power assigned to Dibrugarh Transmitter under International regulations is only 300 KW there is no scope for further upgradation of its power.

List of Publications and Magazines Maintained by Registrar of Newspapers.

4745. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Registrar of Newspapers in India maintains any list of publications and magazines published from various States; and

(b) if so, what are the names with addresses and the language of small and medium publications published from Andhra Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXIV, ANNEXURES No. 84]

Communication System in Hill Districts of U.P.

4746. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an acute deficiency of communication system in the hill districts of Nainital and Almora in U.P.;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard; and

(c) what are the names of places in Kumaon Region of U.P. where Government propose to instal T. V. towers during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) There is no acute deficiency of media communication system in the hill districts of Nainital and Almora in U.P. as far as activities of Directorate of Field Publicity and Song & Drama Division and also Radio coverage are concerned. There is, however, limited TV coverage in these two hill districts. A very Low Power transmitter at Chaukhutia in Almora district, a Low Power TV tansmitter at Champawat and a Very Low Power TV Transmitter at Ddihat in Pithoragarh districts are

under implementation. Additional locations for the establishment of TV transmitters under the VIII Plan have not been finalised.

Sale of TV and CPC productions to Foreign Television

4747. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the T. V. productions made by different Doordarshan Kendras and the Central Production Centre (CPC) have been sold to foreign televisions and

(b) if so the details thereof including the foreign exchange earned and the share of each Doordarshan Kendra and the CPC in it during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The marketing activity of Doordarshan is Centralised in the Headquarters. The Kendras and the CPC do not have any share in the sale proceeds. The details of foreign exchange earned by Doordarshan during the last three years are as under:—

1989-90	60,197	US $
1990-91	1,88,758	US $
	1,15,295	FF
	1,500	UK Pound St.
1991-92	1,94,821	US $
	1,000	Canadian$

Setting up of high quality T. V. programme production centres

4748. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been contemplated by the Government to improve the variety and quality of productions and programme in the Doordarshan, considering the grave threat posed by the Star T.V.;

(b) if so, the details regarding such proposals; and

(c) whether Government propose to consider setting up of high quality TV Programme Production centres like the Central Production Centre in other metropolitan cities;

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Doordarshan is making all out efforts to bring about a qualitative improvement in its programme format so as to sustain the interest of its viewers.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

Scandal in Educational Broadcast of AIR Vijayawada

4749. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the Andhra Jyoti, a Telugu Daily dated 11th April, 1992;

(b) if so, whether any scandal in the educational broadcasts of A.I.R., Vijayawada, has recently been brought to the notice of Government; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken in this regard;

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) It had been reported in the press that All India Radio Viyayawada was booking inexperienced persons non professionals members of the same family in its Education Broadcast. One Assistant